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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: IMAGE READER AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING THE QUANTITY OF LIGHT OF THE READOUT LIGHT
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the specification of which

(a) ☒ is attached hereto.

(b) ☐ was filed on _____ as _____ Serial No. 0 / _____ or _____ Express
Mail No. _____, as Serial No. not yet known, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on
_____ and amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(d) ☐ no such application have been filed.

(e) ☒ such applications have been filed as follows.

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